North-East Express Highway

*58. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a plan for North-East Express Highway is under consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the implementation status and the target set towards commissioning of East-West • Corridor in various sectors including NER; and

(d) the details of the plan, if any, to extend the area of this corridor in phase-ll?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI):(a) to (c) While there is no proposal for a North-East Express Highway, Government is implementing the National Highways Development Project which includes a North-South and an East-West Corridor. The status of these Corridors is given in the enclosed statement *(See* below). The contracts under implementation in East-West Corridor including those in NER are expected to be completed by May, 2005 and the contracts under implementation in North-South Corridor are expected to be completed by Dec. 2004. The entire East-West and North-South Corridors are scheduled to be completed by December, 2007.

(d) There is no proposal to extend the East-West Corridor. However, Government plans to connect the State Capitals not falling on the National Highways Development Project (Golden Quadrilateral and East-West & North-South Corridor) to the National Highways Development Project through four lane highways.

Statement

Status of East-West and North-South Corridor **I.**

Status of East-West Corridor

Sl. No	Description	Length (km)
1.	Total length	3640
2.	Common with GQ (under implementation)	149
3.	Balance length on East-West Corridor	3491
4.	Four laning already completed	106
5.	Four laning under implementation	185
6.	Balance length on E.W. Corridor to be four laned	3200
7.	Staus of balance 3200 km	
	(a) Preparation of DPR in progress	3200
	(b) Civil Contracts to be awarded by March 2004	540
	(c) Civil Contracts to be awarded by June 2004	483
	(d) Civil Contracts to be awarded by Dec. 2004	2177
	(e) Proposed target date of completion of balance 3200 km is Dec. 2007	

II. Status of North-South Corridor

Sl. No	Description	Length (km)
1.	Total length	4076
2.	Common with GQ (under implementation)	293
3.	Balance length on North-South Corridor	3783
4.	Four laning already completed	451
5.	Four laning under implementation	238
6.	Balance length on N-S Corridor to be four laned	3094
7.	Staus of balance 3094 km	
	(a) Preparation of DPR in progress	2603
	(b) DPR contracts for balance length 491 km to be awarded by January 2004	
	(c) Civil contracts for balance length of 3094 km to be awarded by March 2005 with proposed target date of completion by Dec. 2007	